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Application No.: 09/171,909

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Jayanta ROY-CHOWDHURY, et al.  
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Title : NOVEL PROCESSES IMPLEMENTING SELECTIVE IMMUNE  
DOWN REGULATION (SIDR)  
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Examiner: : Ronald B. SCHWADRON  
  
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**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
OF OCTOBER 5, 2004**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Applicants respectfully petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Office Action Restriction Requirement ("Office Action") mailed in the above-captioned application ("the Application") on October 5, 2004, thereby extending the period for reply up to and including April 5, 2005. Applicants submit herewith the requisite five-month extension of time fee for a small entity of \$1,080.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

It is believed that no additional fees are required with this submission. However, in the event that additional fees are deemed necessary, or in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the USPTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action of October 5, 2004, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 to one of Groups I-IV, which are purportedly not linked to form a single general inventive concept. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-3, with traverse. Applicants moreover reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to non-elected subject matter.